I. Ships and Aircraft

Section I of the 1998-99 season plans lists the names, types, numbers, descriptions, and armament of ships, aircraft, and other vehicles introduced to the Antarctic Treaty area and information on military equipment, if any, and its location in the area.

Ships

Ship: <u>USCGC POLAR SEA</u> (WAGB-11)
Aircraft: 2 each HH-65A helicopters
Armament: Small arms only

• Supply/Tankers

Icebreakers

Ship: <u>M/V GREEN WAVE</u> - dry cargo

Armament: None

Ship: TBA - Champion Class T-5 Tanker

Armament: None

• Research Vessels

Ship: R/V LAURANCE M. GOULD

Armament: None

Ship: R/V NATHANIEL B. PALMER

Armament: None

Aircraft

Five LC-130 transport aircraft operated by the 109th Airlift Wing.

Four LC-130 transport aircraft operated by the U.S. Navy.

One Bell 212 helicopter based at McMurdo Station.

Three Aerospatiale AS-350B-2 helicopters based at McMurdo Station

Note: No armament

Air Mobility Command

Between October and November 1998, C-141B and C-5B aircraft of the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will transport cargo and personnel to and from Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Additionally, during January and February 1999, C-141 aircraft of the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will transport cargo and personnel to and from Christchurch, New Zealand and McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Note: No armament

Other Aircraft

Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 aircraft will transport cargo and personnel on intercontinental flights between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica, during November and December 1998 in support of the U.S. and New Zealand Antarctic Programs.

Note: Two DeHavilland DHC-6/300 Twin Otters will be used; both aircraft

will arrive at McMurdo in early November 1998, and depart early

February 1999.

Note: No armament